Ethics Consultation

Beyond the Basics

Module 3

Finding the Available Ethics Knowledge Relevant to an Ethics Question

Learning Objectives

- Describe ethics knowledge and how it applies to an ethics consultation.

- Discuss and practice tools and techniques to gather ethics knowledge by using resources available over the Internet.

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A *ASSEMBLE* **the Relevant Information**

Consider the types of information needed

Identify the appropriate sources of information

Gather information systematically from each source

Summarize the information and the ethics question

What Is Ethics Knowledge?

The "best thinking" relevant to the ethics question, which can be gleaned from scholarly publications, professional codes of ethics, law and policy, precedent cases, expert opinion, etc.

With **Every** Ethics Consultation. . .

- Reflect on what you know already.

- Consider whether your knowledge covers all aspects of the ethics question.

- Consider whether there may be sources you haven't yet investigated.

- Consider whether there may be new thinking on the issue.

What Is the Search Goal?

To find:

- General overview of what's "out there"

- Comprehensive literature review?

- A few key resources?

- Background on a broad ethics topic?

- Legal standards?

- Your own organization's policies and regulations
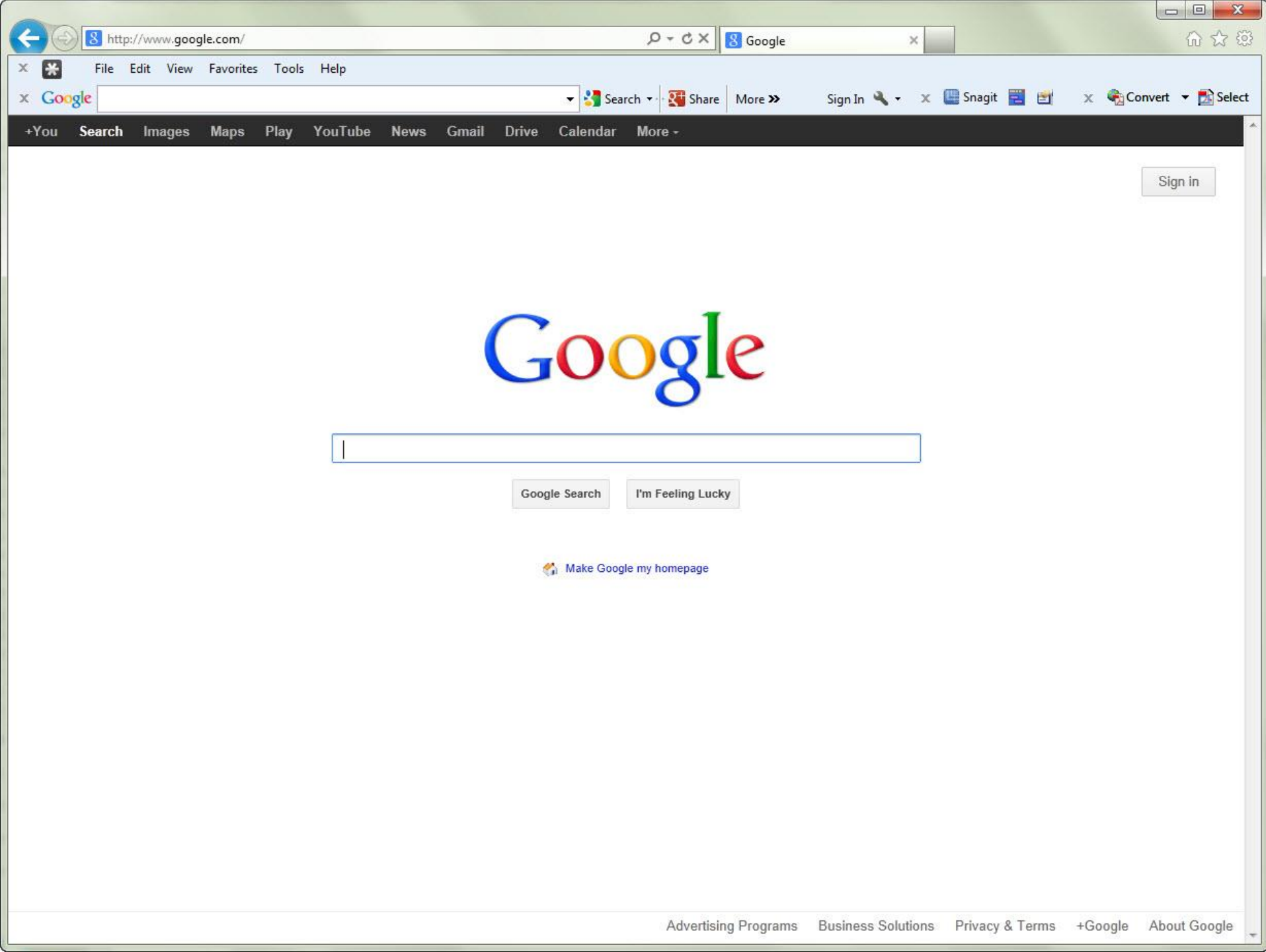
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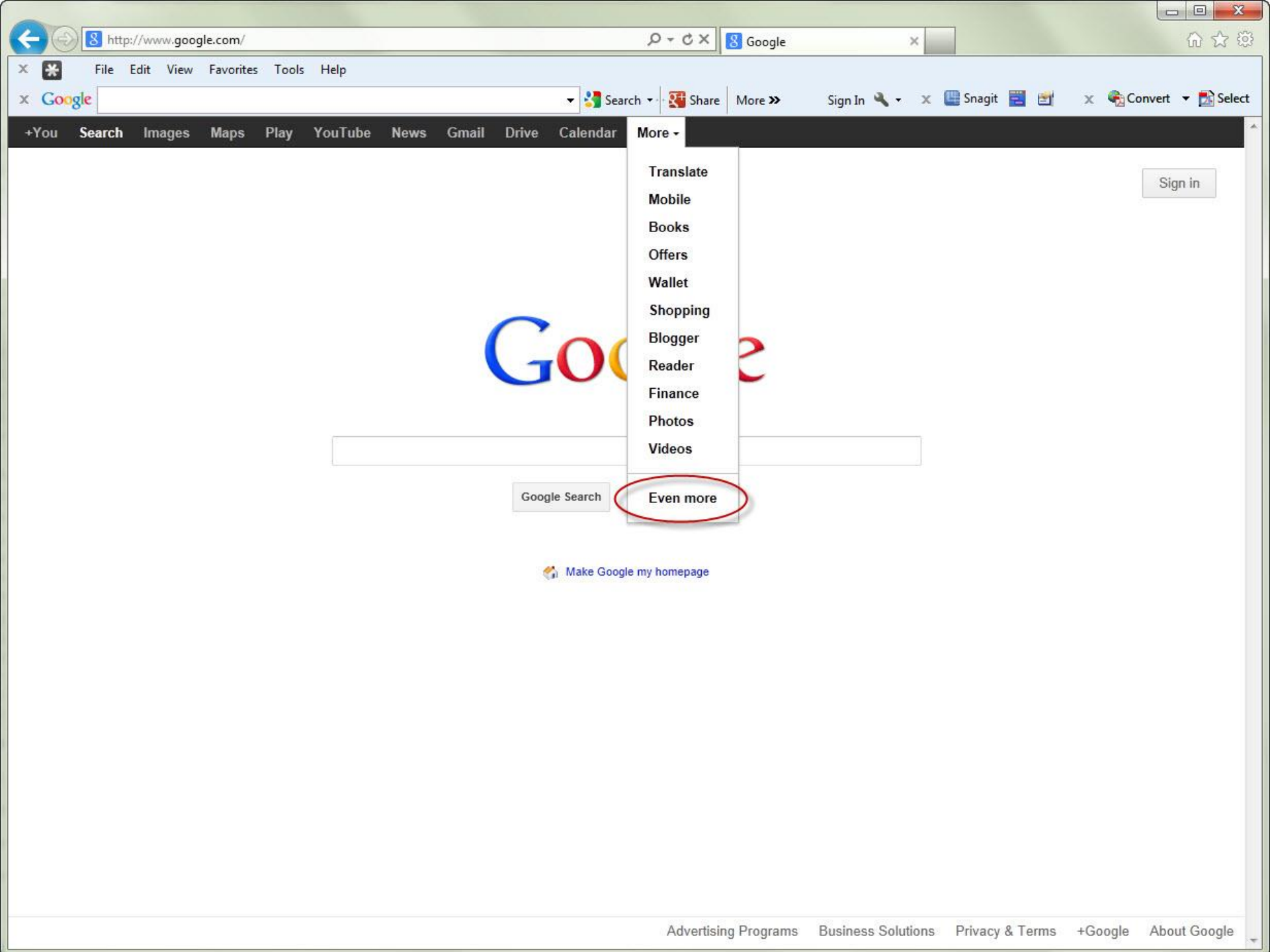
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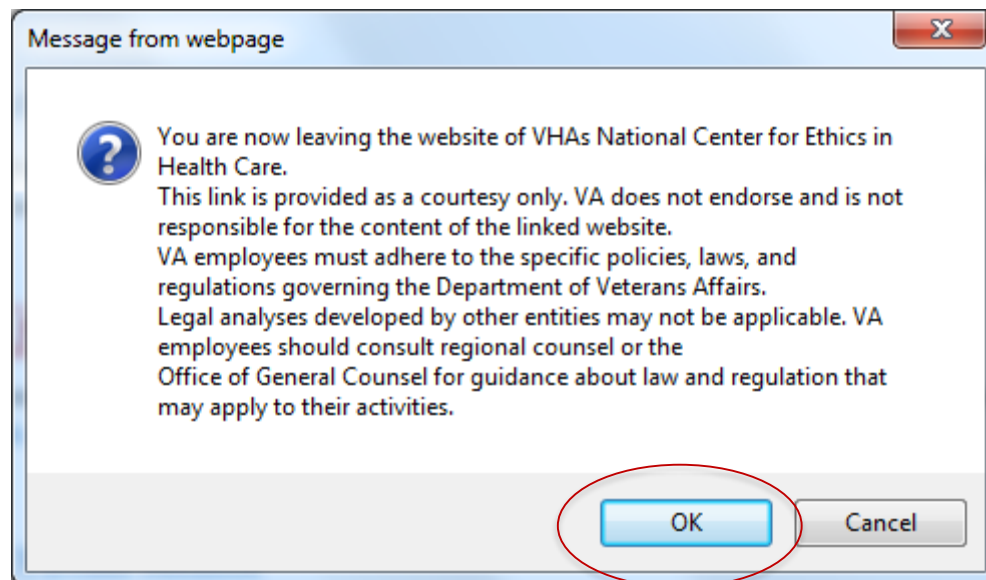
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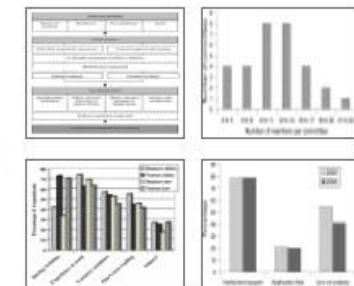   See more...

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    *   Think of synonyms for these terms.

    *   Try out different combinations of terms.

    *   Consider adding "ethics."

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The Ethics Question

Given that the family argues that the defibrillator ought to be turned off out of respect for the patient, but the cardiologist maintains that he should not turn off the defibrillator because he would feel directly responsible for the patient's death, is it ethically justifiable for the cardiologist to refuse to turn off the defibrillator?

Pick Out Several Search Terms

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Group Activity Instructions
Handouts 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3

1. Assign team responsibilities.

2. Read Case Summary.

3. Discuss and decide on search terms and strategy.

4. Access at least 3 resources on the Internet.

5. Prepare to explain your choice of strategy and how well you thought it worked.

Discussion

- Which strategies did you use?

- Which ones were most productive?

- What did you find?

- Compare your results to the resource list.

- Any useful lessons learned?

- What would you do differently next time?

Takeaways

Finding the available ethics knowledge relevant to an ethics question

- Ethics knowledge: the "best thinking" relevant to the ethics question

- Key sources of ethics knowledge on the Web

- Strategies for searching the Web

- Practice finding the ethics knowledge relevant to particular ethics questions

Questions

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